

# SENATE BILL No. 333

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 8-1-26.

**Synopsis:** Underground utility plant protection. Amends the statute concerning the location and protection of underground utility facilities (facilities) during excavation or demolition activities to change a reference to "hydroexcavators" to "hydraulic excavators" to more accurately describe equipment used by excavators. Requires, with respect to an excavation or demolition in an unincorporated area, the excavator to submit a separate locate request and notice of the excavation or demolition (notice) to the Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service (association) for at least every 2,640 linear feet (versus every 2,500 linear feet under current law) of proposed excavation or demolition. Provides that a notice expires 20 days after the date the notice is submitted to the association. Provides that if, at the conclusion of the 20 day period, any part of the excavation or demolition is not complete at any part of the site for which the original notice was submitted, the excavator may not continue or resume the excavation or demolition at any part of the site for which the original notice was submitted until: (1) the excavator submits to the association a new locate request and notice for that part of the site for which the excavation or demolition is not complete; and (2) each affected utility operator provides facility locate markings for that part of the site for which the new locate request and notice are submitted. Makes technical changes.

**Effective:** July 1, 2014.

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January 14, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Utilities.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning utilities.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 8-1-26-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2014]: **Sec. 3.5. As used in this chapter, "communications**  
4 **service" has the meaning set forth in IC 8-1-32.5-3.**  
5 SECTION 2. IC 8-1-26-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
6 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 9. As used in this chapter,  
7 "mechanized equipment" means equipment operated by means of  
8 mechanical power, including trenchers, bulldozers, power shovels,  
9 augers, backhoes, scrapers, drills, cable and pipe plows,  
10 ~~hydroexcavators~~, **hydraulic excavators**, and other equipment that may  
11 cause damage to underground facilities.  
12 SECTION 3. IC 8-1-26-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.62-2009,  
13 SECTION 13, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
14 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 16. (a) Except as provided in section 19 of this  
15 chapter, before commencing an excavation or demolition operation  
16 described in section 14 of this chapter, each person responsible for the



excavation or demolition shall:

(1) serve notice on the association of the person's intent to excavate or demolish; and

(2) perform white lining at the site of the excavation or demolition if the person responsible for the excavation or demolition is unable to provide to the association the physical location of the proposed excavation or demolition by one (1) of the following means:

(A) A street address.

(B) A legal description of the location.

(C) A highway location using highway mile markers or cross streets.

The notice required under subdivision (1) must be received at least two (2) full working days but not more than twenty (20) calendar days before the commencement of the work. Upon receiving the notice, the association immediately shall notify each operator that has underground facilities located in the proposed area of excavation or demolition. A person responsible for excavation or demolition may commence work before the elapse of two (2) full working days if all affected operators have notified the person that the location of all the affected operators' facilities have been marked or that the affected operators have no facilities in the location of the proposed excavation or demolition.

(b) A county recorder who receives an inquiry from a person seeking to provide notice of an excavation or a demolition under this section shall refer the person to the association. After receiving a notice under this section, the association shall provide notice of the proposed excavation or demolition to each member operator that has underground facilities located in the proposed area of excavation or demolition.

(c) A person responsible for demolition must give an operator a reasonable amount of time, as mutually determined by the operator, the person responsible for demolition, and the project owner, to remove or protect the operator's facilities before demolition of the structure is commenced.

(d) The notice required by subsection (a) must contain the following information:

(1) The name, address, and telephone number of the person serving the notice, and, if different, the person responsible for the excavation or demolition.

(2) The starting date, anticipated duration, and type of excavation or demolition operation to be conducted.



(3) The location of the proposed excavation or demolition.

(4) Whether or not explosives or blasting are to be used.

(5) The approximate depth of excavation.

(6) Whether the person responsible for the proposed excavation or demolition intends to perform white lining at the site of the proposed excavation or demolition.

(e) The person responsible for the excavation or demolition shall submit a separate locate request along with the notice provided under subsection (d)(3) to the association as follows:

(1) Within an incorporated area, for each one thousand five hundred (1,500) linear feet of proposed excavation or demolition.

(2) In an unincorporated area, for **at least** each two thousand ~~five~~ **six** hundred ~~(2,500)~~ **forty (2,640)** linear feet of proposed excavation or demolition.

**(f) A notice provided under this section by a person responsible for an excavation or demolition expires twenty (20) days after the date the notice is submitted to the association under subsection (a), as determined in the manner specified in section 17(d) of this chapter. If, at the conclusion of the twenty (20) day period described in this subsection, any part of the excavation or demolition is not complete at any part of the site for which the original notice was submitted, the person responsible for the excavation or demolition may not continue or resume the excavation or demolition at any part of the site for which the original notice was submitted until:**

**(1) the person responsible for the excavation or demolition submits to the association a new locate request, along with a notice that complies with subsection (d), with respect to that part of the site for which the excavation or demolition is not complete; and**

**(2) each affected operator provides facility locate markings in compliance with section 18 of this chapter for that part of the site for which the new locate request and notice are submitted under subdivision (1).**

~~(f)~~ **(g)** The association shall maintain an adequate record of the notice required by this section for seven (7) years to document compliance with this chapter. A copy of the record shall be furnished to the person giving notice to excavate or demolish upon written request.

~~(g)~~ **(h)** A person that:

(1) causes damage to a pipeline facility located in an area of excavation or demolition;



(2) is required to provide notice under this section for the excavation or demolition; and  
 (3) fails to provide the notice;  
 may be subject to a civil penalty in an amount recommended by the advisory committee and approved by the commission, not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

~~(h)~~ (i) A person that:

(1) causes damage to a pipeline facility located in an area of excavation or demolition;

(2) is required to perform white lining under subsection (a)(2); and

(3) fails to perform white lining before an operator of a pipeline facility arrives at the site of the proposed excavation or demolition to mark the operator's pipeline facilities;

may be subject to a civil penalty in an amount recommended by the advisory committee and approved by the commission, not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

SECTION 4. IC 8-1-26-17, AS AMENDED BY P.L.62-2009, SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 17. (a) An operator that has underground facilities located in Indiana must be a member of the Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service or its successor organization. The articles of incorporation or the bylaws of the Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service or its successor organization shall do the following:

(1) Provide that the board of directors of the Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service or its successor organization is composed of:

(A) five (5) members representing electric utilities other than municipal electric utilities, including corporations organized or operating under IC 8-1-13 or corporations organized under IC 23-17, some of whose members are local district corporations (as described in IC 8-1-13-23);

(B) five (5) members representing investor owned gas utilities, including pipelines;

(C) five (5) members representing ~~telecommunications~~ **communications service** providers, at least one (1) of whom is a provider of cable television service;

(D) five (5) members representing water or sewer utilities other than municipal water or sewer utilities; and

(E) five (5) members representing political subdivisions, including municipal utilities, which must include ~~the political subdivision that owns~~ **a member representing** the largest



waterworks utility in Indiana **that is owned by:**

**(i) a political subdivision; or**

**(ii) a department of public utilities created by IC 8-1-11.1.**

(2) Require the affirmative vote of at least sixty percent (60%) of each category of members appointed under subdivision (1) to approve an increase, a decrease, or any other adjustment to the membership dues, rates, tariffs, locate fees, or any other charges imposed by the Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service or its successor organization.

(b) The association shall provide for mutual receipt of notice of excavation or demolition operations under section 16 of this chapter.

(c) The association shall:

(1) annually update the association's base map data, including street addresses; and

(2) make reasonable efforts to reduce incorrect locate requests issued to the association's members.

(d) The association shall develop and implement guidelines to provide that, for purposes of providing notice to an operator under section 16 of this chapter, the time of receipt of a notice of an intent to excavate or demolish is determined as follows:

(1) For a notice that is received between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. on a working day, at the time of receipt.

(2) For a notice that is received after 6 p.m. on a working day and before 7 a.m. on the following working day, at 7 a.m. on the following working day.

SECTION 5. IC 8-1-26-18, AS AMENDED BY P.L.62-2009, SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 18. (a) Each operator notified under section 16 of this chapter shall, **in not later than** two (2) full working days after receiving the notice of intent provided in section 16 of this chapter, supply to the person responsible for the excavation or demolition the following information, using maps when appropriate:

(1) The approximate location and **a** description of all the operator's underground facilities that may be damaged as a result of the excavation or demolition.

(2) The location and description of all facility markers indicating the approximate location of the underground facilities.

(3) Any other information that would assist that person in locating and avoiding damage to the underground facilities, including providing adequate temporary markings indicating the approximate location of the underground facility and locations



where permanent facility markers do not exist.

(b) Facility locate markings must consist of paint, flags, or stakes or any combination that mark the approximate location of the underground facilities. The method of marking must be appropriate for the location of the underground facilities.

(c) Color coding of facility locate markings indicating the type of underground facility must conform to the following color coding:

Facility and Type of Product	Specific Group	Identifying Color
(1) Electric power distribution and transmission . . . . .	Safety red	
(2) Municipal electric systems . . . . .	Safety red	
(3) Gas distribution and transmission . . . . .	High visibility safety yellow	
(4) Oil distribution and transmission . . . . .	High visibility safety yellow	
(5) Dangerous materials, product lines, steam lines . . . . .	High visibility safety yellow	
(6) <del>Telephone and telegraph</del> <b>Communications service</b> systems . . . . .	Safety alert orange	
(7) Cable television . . . . .	Safety alert orange	
(8) Police and fire communications . . . . .	Safety alert orange	
(9) Water systems . . . . .	Safety precaution blue	
(10) Sewer systems . . . . .	Safety green	
(11) Proposed excavation . . . . .	White	
(d) Each operator notified under section 16 of this chapter shall, <del>within not later than</del> two (2) full working days <del>of</del> <b>after</b> receiving the notice of intent provided in section 16 of this chapter, make a reasonable attempt to provide notification to the person responsible for the excavation or demolition if the operator has no facilities in the location of the proposed excavation or demolition.		
(e) This section does not apply to an operator making an emergency repair to its own underground facility.		
(f) This subsection applies if all of the following occur:		



1 (1) An operator of a pipeline facility is required to supply  
2 information, including facility locate markings, under subsection  
3 (a) to a person responsible for an excavation or demolition.

4 (2) The operator of the pipeline facility fails to supply the  
5 information described in subdivision (1) or provides incorrect  
6 facility locate markings.

7 (3) The operator's pipeline facility is damaged during the  
8 excavation or demolition for which the operator was required to  
9 supply the information described in subdivision (1).

10 The operator of the pipeline facility may be subject to a civil penalty in  
11 an amount recommended by the advisory committee and approved by  
12 the commission, not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

13 (g) Subsection (f) does not apply to an operator that:

14 (1) is repairing its own underground facilities; or

15 (2) fails to supply required information or provide facility locate  
16 markings due to factors beyond the control of the operator.

17 (h) A person that knowingly moves, removes, damages, or otherwise  
18 alters a facility locate marking supplied under this section may be  
19 subject to a civil penalty in an amount recommended by the advisory  
20 committee and approved by the commission, not to exceed ten  
21 thousand dollars (\$10,000). This subsection does not apply to a person  
22 that moves, removes, damages, or otherwise alters a facility locate  
23 marking as part of the excavation or demolition for which the facility  
24 locate markings were supplied.

